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For: SAFETY SYRINGE NEEDLE DEVICE WITH  
INTERCHANGEABLE AND RETRACTABLE NEEDLE  
PLATFORM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Delete the paragraph under "RELATED APPLICATIONS" and insert the following:

--This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/637,873, filed August 15, 2000, which is divisional of application Serial No. 09/460,713, filed December 14, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,117,113, issued September 12, 2000, which in turn was a divisional of application Serial No. 09/215,519, filed December 18, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,033,386, issued March 7, 2000, which in turn was a divisional of application Serial No. 08/917,337, filed August 25, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,858,000, issued January 12, 1999, which was a continuation-in-part application of application Serial No. 08/603,868, filed February 22, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,688,240, issued November 18, 1997, which in turn is a divisional application of application Serial No. 08/470,026, filed June 6, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,520,649, issued May 28, 1996, which was a divisional application of application Serial No.

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08/361,227, filed December 21, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,462,531, issued October 31, 1995, which was a continuation-in-part application of application Serial No. 08/128,694, filed September 30, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,415,638, issued May 16, 1995, which in turn is a continuation-in-part application of application Serial No. 07/909,385, filed July 9, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,263,933, issued November 23, 1993, which, in turn, is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 07/800,849, filed November 29, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,205,827, issued April 27, 1993, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 07/687,108, filed April 18, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,112,318, issued May 12, 1992, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 07/607,127, filed October 3, 1990, now U.S. Patent No. 5,122,124, issued June 16, 1992, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 07/410,318, filed September 21, 1989, now U.S. Patent No. 5,030,208, issued June 9, 1991, which was a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 07/327,344, filed March 22, 1989, now abandoned, which was a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 07/285,012, filed December 14, 1988, now abandoned, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel Claims 2-12.

Respectfully submitted,

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